



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LR 171

Chairperson: John Wightman
Committee: Executive Board
Date of Hearing: May 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Study the sentencing of juveniles and adults to Nebraska correctional institutions for rehabilitative purposes, including the associated fiscal impact. To determine if there is any relationship between reentry and rehabilitative programming to the high capacity rate in our correctional institutions and what we should do differently to help alleviate the high capacity rate.

The committee shall study issues relating to the reentry of these juveniles and adults into Nebraska communities, including, but not limited to, the sufficiency and effectiveness of the rehabilitative and reentry programs, the number of spaces available for these programs, and the effectiveness of these programs in reducing the rate of recidivism.

Finally, the committee shall study the sentencing of individuals convicted of crimes for equality of sentencing for the same or similar crimes statewide. The committee shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2011.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Brad Ashford

